



Environmental Law Enforcement

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California's Environmental Law Enforcement Leadership

- Why us?
- Is there a blueprint for progress?
- How can I help?



Why Us?

(a bunch of bureaucrats, scientists, regulators, cops and prosecutors)

The science, the law and common sense makes it our duty to police the:

- Air
- Water
- Soil
- Food
- Products we make
- A Fair Economic Playing Field



A Blueprint For Progress?

- Philosophical Underpinnings of Successful Enforcement:
 - Friendly Guidance VERSUS Punishment for Violations?
- Measuring Outcomes vs. Activities
 - Cal EPA Enforcement Initiative
- Utilizing All the Tools in the Toolbox to get better outcomes with the same resources



A Blueprint for Progress?

- Doing more with less
- Interagency cooperation
 - The American Federalist System: Overlapping jurisdiction creates checks and balances
 - So too with CA's Environmental Law Enforcement System
 - Go it alone agencies or the team approach when appropriate (which should be often)
 - Risk of reduced control versus reward of integration toward mutual objectives



How can I help?

- Analyze where your regulatory mandate may overlap with other agencies
- Identify agencies and make contact
 - Local enforcement officials
 - Regional enforcement officials
 - State enforcement officials
 - Federal enforcement officials
- Find a case and try coordination
 - Overcome bureaucratic obstacles
 - Get the train going down the tracks
- Build in fairness, consistency, predictability to enhance competition



How can I help?

- Who Might Be Natural Allies?
 - DTSC
 - CUPAs
 - Ag Commissioners
 - Fire Fighters
 - Police Departments
 - Local Code Enforcement
 - Fish & Game
 - The Feds
 - Citizens/NGOs/the Press/Market Associations



How can I help?

- Let the law and conscience be your guide
- Empower your chain of command
- Grapple with difficult issues
- Persevere to overcome bureaucratic snags
- Share your success with others





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